

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER
APR 21 2005

S/N 09/844,965

PATENTIN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SWART ET AL. Examiner: K. JASTRZAB
Serial No.: 09/844,965 Group Art Unit: 1744
Filed: APRIL 27, 2001 Docket No.: 163.1385US01
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CLEANING, HIGH LEVEL
DISINFECTION, OR STERILIZATION OF MEDICAL OR DENTAL
INSTRUMENTS OR DEVICES

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.601:

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 21, 2005.

By: Rebecca Rails
Name: Rebecca Rails

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

23552

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Dear Sir:

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, it is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the benefits of Continued Examination.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the required fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.
P.O. Box 2903
Minneapolis, MN 55402-0903
612/332-5300

Date: 4/21/2005

Mara E. Liepa
Mara E. Liepa
Reg. No. 40,066